

Senate Resolution No. 27

Introduced by Senator Burton

Relative to the Holocaust Memorial Project

WHEREAS, The Holocaust Memorial Project “Unto Every Person There Is A Name” began in 1989, initiated by two Dutch immigrants to Israel who, in protest of the early release of two Dutch war criminals from jail, recited the names of thousands of Jewish Dutch Holocaust victims as they appear in the Hall of Names at Yad Vashem in Israel; and

WHEREAS, Immediately upon its inception, this unique memorial project became widespread throughout Israel and has expanded to include Jewish communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, There is an overwhelming need to particularize the memory of the six million Jews murdered at the hands of the Nazis and their collaborators; and

WHEREAS, The “Unto Every Person There Is A Name” Holocaust Memorial Project translates the intangible and unfathomable, six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, into real men, women, and children, all of whom had a name, a past, and a life prior to the Holocaust; and

WHEREAS, On May 7, 2000, the Jewish community around the world will remember the Holocaust and the six million Jews killed by the Nazi reign of terror by observing the “Unto Every Person There Is A Name” Holocaust Memorial Project; and

WHEREAS, A vitally important part of this memorial project is the public recitation of the Holocaust victims’ names thereby acknowledging the loss of these precious persons to their families and communities, to the world in regard to contributions they may have made in numerous areas including the arts, humanities, and science, and, most profoundly, the loss to the world of these vibrant human beings unable to fulfill their God-given potential; and

WHEREAS, Our conscience compels us to bear witness to this loss so that these victims are never forgotten, neglected, or without mourners, and our own humanity demands that we renew the memory of these victims by reciting their names one by one; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, May 7, 2000, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., at the Holocaust Memorial site located in Lincoln Park, San Francisco, the names of the Holocaust victims be recited by family members, friends, members of the community, young and old, and persons of all walks of life, in special observance of the “Unto Every

Person There Is A Name” Holocaust Memorial Project; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate of the State of California encourages all people of this state to remember the victims of the Holocaust on Sunday, May 7, 2000; and be it further

Resolved, That all persons, particularly the people living in and around the City and County of San Francisco, are urged to add their presence and voice to the recitation of names by attending the memorial service in Lincoln Park in that city, thereby giving breath to those whose lives were cut short by the 20th century atrocity known as “Nazism”; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 27 read and adopted by the Senate May 8, 2000.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate

